

**Claims**

1. A patch for covering a portion of the anatomical surface of a living being, said patch being able to adhere to the skin or mucosa, and/or a wound, said patch comprising a backing layer and a layer of a skin-friendly adhesive for adhering to  
5 the skin or mucosa, said adhesive comprises hydrocolloid particles, wherein at least along the periphery of the patch the thickness of the adhesive layer is 20–300  $\mu\text{m}$  and the vapour permeability of the patch is 200-1000  $\text{g}/\text{m}^2$  and the absorption of the patch is 40-600  $\text{g}/\text{m}^2/6\text{h}$ .
- 10 2. A patch according to claim 1, wherein the patch has a substantially uniform thickness.
3. A patch according to any of the preceding claims wherein the absorption of the patch is 50-400  $\text{g}/\text{m}^2/6\text{h}$ .
- 15 4. A patch according to any of the preceding claims wherein the thickness of the adhesive layer is 30-200  $\mu\text{m}$ .
5. A patch according any of the preceding claims wherein the vapour permeability  
20 of the patch is 300-800  $\text{g}/\text{m}^2$ .
6. A patch according to any of the preceding claims wherein the hydrocolloid particles have a size being substantially less than 125  $\mu\text{m}$ .
- 25 7. A patch according to any of the preceding claims wherein the hydrocolloid particles have a size being substantially less than 50  $\mu\text{m}$ .
8. A patch according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the patch has a reflectance lower than 5.
- 30 9. A patch according to any of the preceding claims wherein the backing layer is a polyurethane film.

10. A patch according to any of the preceding claims wherein the backing layer has a thickness of less than 30  $\mu\text{m}$ .
- 5    11. A patch according to any of the preceding claims wherein the adhesive layer is uninterrupted.
12. A patch according to any of the preceding claims wherein the patch comprises an absorbent pad.
- 10    13. A patch according to any of the preceding claims wherein the patch comprises one or more cavities.
14. A patch according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the patch further
- 15    comprises one or more active ingredients.